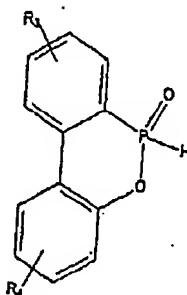


## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing 6-alkoxy-(6H)-dibenzo [c,e][1,2] oxaphosphorins, wherein 6H-dibenzo [c,e][1,2] oxaphosphorin 6-oxides of the formula I



where R3, R4 = alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl groups are used as the reactant.

- ~~2. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the preparation is effected in , further comprising, carrying out the following steps:~~

- 1) providing at least one solvent,
- 2) adding the reactant
3. adding an ortho ester and
4. adding alcohol if it has not already been used under stage 1).

2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the solvent used is an alcohol or alcohol-containing mixture.
4. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 3, wherein alcohols of the formula  $R_2OH$  are used where  $R_2$  is alkyl.
5. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of a compound capable of ester formation with 6H-dibenzo [c,e][1,2] oxaphosphorin 6-oxides.
6. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of a trialkyl orthoformate.
7. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of trimethyl or triethyl orthoformate.

8. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein it is carried out in the presence of catalysts.
9. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 8, wherein the catalysts used are Lewis acids or Brønsted acids.
10. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 9, wherein the acids used are proton donors.
11. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 10, wherein the acids used are hydrogen halides.
12. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the excess alcohol is removed and the catalyst is simultaneously recycled.